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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following paragraph as indicated:

[0036] Offset lead 100 is described as non-isodiametric because its diameter changes due to an attachable structure along its length. However, in yet another embodiment of the present system, an isodiametric lead, i.e., a lead with no attachable structures along its length, may also be attached to or secured by an embodiment of lead lock 120. For example, a lead could be pinched by prongs, pierced by hooks or pins, sutured by a pin and thread, or otherwise restrained by a break through a slit 400 (see FIG. 4) of cannula 110. ~~The essential characteristic of the present invention is that~~ In some examples, a lead or elongated medical device is secured through the slit 400 (see FIG. 4) in cannula 110 by a structure that may be fastened to the stereotactic frame or a similar reference platform in the case that the surgery is performed without a stereotactic frame.